

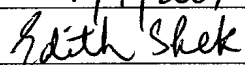
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**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2006. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.